

Please add the following new claims 22-33:

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--22. A method for preventing the oxidation of a cosmetic or dermatologic composition which comprises providing one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of an ascorbyl compound and ascorbic acid and a cosmetically or dermatologically effective amount of ~~at least one active ingredient selected from the group consisting of flavones, flavanones and flavonoids and an auxiliary to the~~ ^{a-glucosyl/rutin} composition.

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23. The method according to claim 22 wherein the ~~flavone, flavanone and flavonoid~~ ^{a-glucosyl/rutin} is present in a concentration of about 0.01% to about 10.0% by weight of the composition.

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24. The method according to claim 22 wherein the ~~flavone, flavanone and flavonoid~~ ^{a-glucosyl/rutin} is present in a concentration of about 0.05% to about 5.0% by weight of the composition.

25. The method according to claim 22 wherein the ascorbyl compound and ascorbic acid is present in a concentration of about 0.001% to about 10.0% by weight of the composition.

26. The method according to claim 22 wherein the ascorbyl compound and ascorbic acid is present in a concentration of about 0.1% to about 2.0% by weight of the composition.

27. The method according to claim 22 wherein the active ingredient is selected from the group consisting of flavones, flavanones and flavonoids is α -glucosylrutin.

28. The method according to claim 22 further comprising one or more complexing agents.

29. The method according to claim 28 wherein the complexing agent is selected from the group consisting of tartaric acid and anions thereof, citric acid and anions thereof and aminopolycarboxylic acids and anions thereof.

30. The method according to claim 28 wherein the complexing agent is selected from the group consisting of ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid and anions thereof, nitrilotriacetic acid and anions thereof, hydroxyethylenediaminetriacetic acid and anions thereof, diethyleneaminopentaacetic acid and anions thereof, and trans-1,2-diaminocyclohexanetetraacetic acid and anions thereof.

31. The method according to claim 28 wherein the complexing agent is present in a concentration of about 0.01% by weight to about 10.0% by weight of the

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Contd* composition.

32. The method according to claim 28 wherein the complexing agent is present in a concentration of about 0.05% by weight to about 5.0% by weight of the composition.

33. The method according to claim 28 wherein the complexing agent is present in a concentration of about 0.01% by weight to about 2.0% by weight of the composition.--

CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. Please charge the required petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEE

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